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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

"I know not what the truth may be,
I tell to you as 'twas told to me."

Burr Porter, the sheepman of Show Low, was in town this week on business.

We were visited by a nice shower Wednesday morning. The country needs more of it.

Benj. Brown, a prominent sheepman of Eagar, has been here this week on business.

Isaac Barth returned from Navajo Tuesday where took Miss Fernandez to the railroad.

Manuel Ruiz left yesterday for the upper country to serve numerous subpoenas in the irrigation suit.

Fred Coalter was in town this week. At present he is rounding up cattle for cattlemen around Springerville.

Gustav Becker, a leading merchant of Springerville, Arizona, was in the city yesterday.—Albuquerque Journal.

W. A. Maxwell, of Eagar, is here today proving up on his land. Ben Crosby and Benj. Brown are his witnesses.

Thomas Carnes departed Thursday morning on a business trip which will take him over to St. Johns, Springerville and other adjacent towns in Apache county.—Flagstaff Gem.

Tom Irwin came down from Springerville Wednesday, and left Thursday for Bakersfield, where he is employed as a Locomotive engineer. Tom is an old timer here having learned the trade in Winslow.—Holbrook Argus.

Captain Hogue took evidence in the case of Jess Slade vs. Mrs. Ballejos Thursday. Mr. Slade was contesting the homestead entry of Miguel Ballegos. Benjamin Brown and W. A. Maxwell were here as witnesses in the case and Isaac Barth appeared as attorney for the contestant.

WATER SUIT.

A suit to establish water rights was filed in the District Court Thursday by Alfred Ruiz and Isaac Barth as attorneys for the St. Johns Irrigation Co. and the Meadow Reservoir Irrigation Co. against the Round Valley Water Storage and Ditch Co., Eagar Irrigation Co., Springerville Water Right and Ditch Co. et als.

The plaintiffs allege that the defendants have unlawfully appropriated the natural stream and flood waters of the Little Colorado River and ask the court to compel the defendants to turn the waters in its natural channel. The plaintiffs claim the right to the waters of the river by prior appropriation.

For some time past the above companies have tried to settle the matter by arbitration, but it was of no avail and resulted in the suit above mentioned.

We understand that the defendants have employed Judge J. H. Kibbey, of Phoenix, as their attorney, and that they will fight the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The outcome of this action will be anxiously awaited by the citizens of this county as it is one of the most important cases ever filed in this court.

We hope that the case will be decided satisfactorily to the parties concerned. If either the plaintiffs or defendants are awarded the right to the full appropriation of the waters of the river, it would be the ruination of either St. Johns or the upper part of the county.

The city of Prescott will soon have an electric street car line.

Gov. Brodie has granted a parole to H. C. Donleigh, who was convicted of murder at Holbrook in 1896 and sentenced to forty years in the penitentiary.

In a recent decision handed down by Judge Kent in Phoenix it is held that meetings of corporations organized under the laws of Arizona must be held in the territory.

The Santa Fe has just commenced the publication in Chicago, of a monthly journal entitled "The Earth." It will be profusely illustrated and will be devoted mainly to descriptions of the Southwest and Pacific Coast, with information about business conditions, lands, industries, mining, etc.